MELLEN PRODUCES

Former Railroad President Tells of Her Friendship for Hotel Employee.

COURT GETS 30 LETTERS

Admits Kicking Her After Quarrel in Which She Hit Him With Marble Egg.

Special Despatch to Tau Son. PITTEFIELD, Mass., Sept. 24.—A series sensational letters, alleged to have m written by Mrs. Katherine Mellen, wife of Charles S. Mellen, one time

wife.

As a witness in his own behalf, Mr.
Mellen admitted that he once had caused his wife's nose to bleed, but testified the injury was inflicted when he attempted to ward off a blow she almed at him after having previously struck him twice, once with a marble egg.

The blows, Mr. Mellen testified, were precipitated by an argument that followed his protest against the condition of their home at Stockbridge, Mrs. Mellen's persistent and long enduring pligrimages to the Vanderblit Hotel and the fact that the Mellen daughters, 11 and 12 years old, were permitted to lounge about the Stockbridge post office, while one of the children "peddled newspapers on the streets."

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Letters Are Read in Court. Mrs. Mellen has a suit for divorce pending against Mr. Mellen and an effort was made to stay to-day's proceedings until after that action was decided. The effort falled and photographic copies of the thirty letters upon the contents of which Mr. Mellen's proceedings against his wife are largely based were offered in evidence, some of them being read in open court.

In the course of his testimony Mr. Mellen accused his wife of drinking intoxicants.

"Mrs. Mellen was seldom drunk," he said, "but she very often carried what the boys call a load."

When Mrs. Mellen failed to discontinue her pilgrimages to New York, he testified, Mr. Mellen cut off her allowance of \$4,000 a year. That action had little effect, however, since, Mr. Mellen told the court, his wife enjoyed an income of \$11,500 a year from the estates of her parents.

Again in June, 1917, Mr. Mellen testi-

of her parents. Again in June, 1917, Mr. Mellen testi-Sed, he quarrelled with his wife while they were in the dining room of the Stockbridge home. "She struck me a blow in the left eye which blackened the eye and made my nose bleed," he said. "There was a scuffe. Both of us fell. and when she got up she grabbed a glass ash receiver and struck me. Then she ran, after throwing a chair at me. I

socelerated her departure-I kicked her. John W. Crim, attorney for Mr. Mel-len, told Judge Slocum that Mr. Mellen first learned of his wife's alleged actions at the Vanderbilt Hotel in the spring of 1917, when he was called to New York by the wife of the hotel employee. Mrs. Brown, Mr. Crim told the court, displayed letters she had intercepted and which, it is alleged, were written by Mrs. Mellen to Mr. Brown.

Letters Caused Separation.

After reading the letters, Mr. Crim said, Mr. Mellen went to Mrs. Mellen's brother and informed him that "he was done with Mfs. Mellen." In the followeptember, Mr. Crim told the court, Mellen left the Mellen home at

Stockbridge and has not since returned.
"Those letters," Mr. Crim told the court, "deal with the intimate and sacred relations which were disclosed by her to the hotel employee. The physical and mental effect of the situation placed Mr. Mellen, the man who and not needed the attention of a physician for forty years, under the care of a doctor, where he is

Subsequently it was explained Mr. Mel-

len is suffering from Parkinson's disease, a form of shaking palsy.

Mr. Crim told Judge Slocum that when the "wife of the hotel man" discovered the situation she went to Mrs. Mellen's apartment at the Vanderbilt and chased Mrs. Mellen out of her room and down the hotel stairs. Later he said Mrs. Mellen employed the services of an astrologer in New Haven to "watch the wife of the hotel man to see if she intended to sue for a separation."

Mrs. Mellen was not in court today, and her lawyer declined to say where she was or whether she would appear personally to oppose Mr. Mellen's petition. It was stated here, however, that the action begun by Mrs. Brown in

that the action begun by Mrs. Brown in the New York courts against Mrs. Mel-len for the alleged loss of Mr. Brown's affections has been withdrawn.

Visit to Della Robbia Room.

The letter follows:

"SUNDAY APTERNOON.

"DOUGLAS DEAR: Thank you so much for taking me to the Della Robbia room on Saturday and showing me those wonderful tables. The room looks lovely, dear. If you could do something like that every once in a while it would be lovely. There could be no talk and yet we would be seen together.

"Douglas, your talk to me on Friday noon was a little hard, but dear, it was what I needed and my actions since

noon was a little hard, but dear, it was what I needed and my actions since then have been different. And dear, it has worked wonders. M. is like a new man. I really have never seen anything like it. On Friday when he came to the hotel from his office he was like a dog that had been whipped.

"He sank into a chair all exhausted. I went to help*him. I said. You are tired. Now would it not help you a little to talk things over with me? He looked at me, dear. Then he began to talk. I sympathized with him and I tried to cheer him all I could. We went to dinner. When we had fin'shed he said. 'I am so tired. Do you mind if I go to the rooms?' I said. 'No. by all means go,' I finished. Then I went to the Marshalls' table and had a cocktail with them. I then went up.

"We sat in the salon and talked a little. At last he said, 'I am so tired. I'm going to hed.' He went to his room. In a few minutes I followed. The shade in the little candle by his bed was crooked. I straightened it.

In a few minutes I followed. The shade in the little candle by his bed was crooked. I straightened it, and for something to say, said. This shade is on the blink. He then said. 'Kitty, everything is on the blink, and I am all in.' He was terribly despondent.

"I went to him and I took his hand. I said. 'Now look here. Don't lose your nerve. Buck up You will win this fight.' He said. 'Kitty, I have not lost my nerve.' I said. 'No, and you are not going to.'

Reads Mr. Morgan's Memorial. "We went to hed. In the morning came to me. He was smiling. You would not think he was the same man. looked at him and said, You are feel-

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wife of Charles S. Mellen, one time president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, to Harry Douglas Brown, at the time of the correspondence an assistant manager of the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York city, provided the climax for the opening day of the trial of Mr. Mellen's petition for separate maintenance and a decree enabling him to live apart from his wife.

As a witness in his own behalf, Mr. As a witness in his own behalf, Mr. As one cares, not even my wife. That

the same. Don't you think he has a nerve, dear? "Well, I went down to the library.

"Well, I went down to the library.

M. W. was sitting at his desk madder than a hatter. Of course I did not know how much or how little he knew what had passed over the phone. I sat there and I tried to draw him into conversabut could not do so. I thought it was best for me to say something to him about this wonderful invitation, for I was afraid he might have heard, and then if I said nothing he might think I was in the habit of strolling with the was in the habit of strolling with the

Furious Over Phone Message.

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a short time, will you? In the evening you rather not have me, would you? Then, dear, if you don't want me to sit, or the state of the

more than one letter a week after this. don't mind, dear, for 1 know no one to go to but you, and it really seems as if 1 had more than my share of trouble,
"M—— was dreadfully blue, but not New York and New Jersey Men

"M— was dreadfully blue, but not a bit cross. Now this is confidential. He says he may be forced to resign. I don't think that, but you know when a man gets blue he thinks every one is against him. He says to save the road he himself has to step in, take his coat off and work like a man of 40. It is not light dear but he says he will have to off and work like a man of 40. It is not right, dear, but he says he will have to work harder for the next six months than he ever worked before. Well I Thomas O Jones, New Hartford, N. Y. should much rather have him work like and E. B. Saunders, Westfield, N. J.

The lakes district made the best record, delivering five and launching six steel vessels. The Pacific coast delivering five and launched two, while the should much rather have him work like and E. B. Saunders, Westfield, N. J.

Atlantic coast launched three. "So I told him that Crowninshield had that than, resign and then feel that his Invited me to go-walking with him on life was a failure.

Sunday. O. Douglas, he was furious. He "He said on Sunday: 'Kitty, if I am

The board, however, in adopting the State equalization table for this year eatablished the same rate of equalization for New York city as last year—93 per cept, of full value in The Bronx and Brooklyn, 94 per cent, in Manhattan and 35 per cent, in Queens and Richmond, President Cantor reviewed a long list of

auction sales of property, which he said indicated that property in New York city was assessed at full value.

The board, which comprises Speaker Sweet of the Assembly and all the elective State officers except the Governor, decided that assessments of real property in New York city as compared to

Washington, Sept. 24.—Thirteen ships of all types, of 55,000 tons deadweight, were completed and delivered to the Emergency Fleet Corporation during the week ended September 20. The figures, made public to-day, show there were six steel ships of 31,400 tons capacity and seven wood and composite ships aggre-gating 24,500 deadweight tons.

Launchings during the week numbered PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 24. — Three navy men were killed here to-day in the fail of a hydroairplane in Pensacola seventeen. Among these were eleven steel ships of 50,500 deadweight tons and six wood and composite ships of 22,-Three other occupants of the 200 tons.

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